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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TGEN, UNESCO

SUBJECT: UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE (GC)

1. SCIENCE ADVISOR OF ARGENTINE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SECRETARIAT (FEDERICO CROSS) HAS SUGGESTED TO S&T COUNSELOR DESIRABILITY OF PRIOR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN US ON MATTERS RELATING TO SUBJECT CONFERENCE.

2. APPARENTLY GOA HAS SOME MISGIVINGS ABOUT DIRECTION IN WHICH UNESCO SECRETARIAT IS MOVING. THEY HAD RECENT VISIT FROM SYRIAN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL WHICH HAS ENHANCED THAT CONCERN. CROSS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT DECISION TO HOLD GC IN NAIROBI WAS BAD DECISION IN VIEW OF HIGH ADDITIONAL COSTS INVOLVED TO UNESCO AT TIME OF GREAT FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.

3. CROSS'S INFORMATION WAS THAT U.S. WOULD BE PAYING ITS MEMBERSHIP AND RESUMING ACTIVE ROLE IN UNESCO. IF THIS THE CASE, HE PROPOSES CONSULT WITH EMBASSY IN ADVANCE OF GC TO EXCHANGE VIEWS.

4. CROSS ALSO EXPRESSED OPINION THAT SECRETARIAT HAD VISIONS OF UNESCO TRYING ASSUME SOME SORT OF SUPERVISORY ROLE FOR S&T IN ALL UN AGENCIES, SOMETHING WHICH GOA FINDS UNACCEPTABLE
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(AND WE FELT U.S. WOULD TOO).

5. CROSS SEEKS CONSULTATIONS ON ELECTIONS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF UNESCO ORGANIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY AS TO ARGENTINE AND U.S. CANDIDATES, AS TIME APPROACHES.

6. MINISTER OF CULTURE AND EDUCATION RICARDO PEDRO BRUERA MAY ATTEND GC AND HEAD GOA DEL. NEW ARG. AMB TO UNESCO, DR. VICTOR MASSUH, WILL CERTAINLY ATTEND. CROSS ATTENDANCE ALSO POSSIBLE.

7. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES PRIOR CONSULTATIONS AS PROPOSED WITH GOA WOULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. WE THINK ARG. DEL. LIKELY SEE MOST SCIENTIFIC ISSUES AT CONFERENCE IN SAME LIGHT WE DO.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) ADVISE IF WE MAY INFORM CROSS THAT WE AGREE TO PRIOR CONSULTATIONS. (B) IF ANSWER IS YES, ADVISE AT ANY TIME BEFORE CONFERENCE OF ISSUES DEPT WISHES US RAISE WITH GOA.
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